## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PACE-O-MATIC, INC.,

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Plaintiff : No. 1:20-cy-00292

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v. : (Judge Jennifer P. Wilson)

(Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito,

ECKERT SEAMANS CHERIN & : Jr.)

MELLOTT, LLC,

:

Defendant. : Electronically Filed Document

## JOINT MOTION FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL

(From February 16, 2021 Nondispositive Order Overruling Attorney-Client Privilege Objection to Non-Party Subpoena)

Defendant, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC ("Eckert"), and non-party subpoena recipients Greenwood Gaming & Entertainment, d/b/a Parx Casino ("Parx"), and Hawke McKeon & Sniscak LLP (HMS) (together, "Joint Appellants") hereby move for a stay pending appeal to the district court from portions of Paragraph 4 of Magistrate Judge Joseph F. Saporito, Jr.'s February 16, 2021 Order and accompanying Memorandum, Section III. I (Judicial Estoppel and Implied Waiver of Privilege) at 32-42 (2021 WL 602733) (Doc. 87), which overrule attorney-client privilege objections to plaintiff Pace-O-Matic, Inc.'s (POM)

document production requests documents, Memorandum at pp. 40-42. Joint Appellants represent as follows:

- 1. Each of the Joint Appellants has appealed to the district court that portion of the February 16, 2021 Memorandum and Order that directs production of documents identified on pp. 40-42 of the Memorandum.
- 2. The Memorandum and Order direct production of all identified documents on or before March 9, 2021.
- 3. In directing production, the Memorandum found that judicial estoppel applies and results in a waiver of attorney-client privilege with respect to the documents identified for production at pp. 40-42 of the Memorandum.
- 4. Absent a stay pending appeal of the February 16 Order as to the documents identified for production at pp. 40-42 of the Memorandum, the documents will be produced, and the attorney-client privilege, if on appeal deemed applicable, lost.
- 5. Joint Appellants' appeals are limited to Section III.I of the Memorandum and the associated documents the Order requires to be produced; Joint Appellants will produce all other documents as ordered on or before March 9, 2020.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC ("Eckert"), and non-party subpoena recipients Greenwood Gaming & Entertainment, d/b/a Parx Casino ("Parx"), and Hawke McKeon & Sniscak LLP

(HMS) (together, "Joint Appellants") respectfully request that the court grant a stay of the February 16, 2020 order in this matter, limited to the Order's requirement that the documents identified at pp. 40-42 of the Memorandum be produced, pending resolution of Joint Appellants' appeals to the district court.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 2, 2021

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

I hereby certify that, on March 2, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing

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the Middle District of Pennsylvania by using the ECF system. Pursuant to LR 5.7,

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